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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 3342-022]

Briar Hydro Associates; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Comments,
Protests and Motions to Intervene

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Proceeding: Extension of License Term
- b. Project No.: P-3342-022
- c. Date Filed: January 9, 2018
- d. Licensee: Briar Hydro Associates
- e. Names and Locations of Project: Penacook Lower Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 3342, located on the Contoocook River, in Merrimack County, New Hampshire.
- f. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a-825r.
- g. Licensee Contact Information: Andrew J. Locke, Briar Hydro Associates, c/o Essex Hydro Associates, LLC, 55 Union Street, Boston, MA 02108; Telephone: (617) 367-0032; E-mail: alocke@essexhydro.com.
- h. FERC Contact: Mr. Ashish Desai, (202) 502-8370, Ashish.Desai@ferc.gov
- i. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene and protests, is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file motions to intervene, protests, comments, and recommendations, using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal

Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-3342-022.

j. Description of Proceeding: The licensee, Briar Hydro Associates, LLC, requests that the Commission extend the license term for its Penacook Lower Falls Project No. 3342, approximately 2 years, from October 31, 2022 to November 30, 2024, to synchronize the license expiration date with the licensee's two other projects, so that they can be relicensed concurrently. The licensee's other two projects, the Penacook Upper Falls Project No. 6689 and the Rolfe Canal Project No. 3240, have licenses that expire on November 30, 2024 and all three projects are located on the Contoocook River.

The licensee states that extending the license terms for the project would allow for better coordination during relicensing for all of its projects. The licensee's request includes correspondence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service supporting the license extension. The licensee has filed a Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document for applying for a new license for the project which the licensee states they will withdraw should the license extension be granted.

k. This notice is available for review and reproduction at the Commission in the Public Reference Room, Room 2A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the Docket number (P-3342-022) excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the notice. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

l. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

m. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, and .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

n. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, PROTEST, or MOTION TO INTERVENE as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the

requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to the request for the extension of the license term. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: January 19, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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